(b) what are the details of proposed grant for the development of solar energy in Bihar during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL EVERGY SOURCES (*SHRI M. KANNAPPAN*): (a) The Ministry is implementing various solar energy programmes in the country. The grants for these programmes are released to the implementing agencies. The central grant released to the programme implementing agencies in Bihar for the solar energy programmes during the 1998—2001 period is given below:

Year	Released
	(Rs. in Lakhs)
1997-98	25.00
1998-99	245.54
1999-2000	369.72
2000-2001	6.20(*)

(*) — upto 28th July 2000

(b) The allocation of targets and release of grant are made on yearly basis. Therefore, no funds have been earmarked for the State of Bihar or any other State for the next three years' period.

Non-Conventional Energy Sources in Tribal Areas

†1183. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new Non-Conventional energy sources have been developed in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the State-wise position of energy generation; and

(c) the steps taken to develop such types of sources in the tribal backward areas of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is implementing a wide range of programmes such as biogas, improved chulhas, integrated rural energy programme, energy parks, small hydro power (upto 25 MW), wind power, solar power, biomass/co-generation, biomass gasifier, solar photovoltaics, solar thermal, solar cooker, solar photovoltaic pumps and small acrogenerators, etc. depending upon technical feasibility and economic viability of available technologies throughout the country. The State-wise installations made under various Non-conventional Energy programmes till 31st March, 2000 given in the annexed Statement. (*see* below)

(c) Ministry is making concentrated efforts in the high focus areas identified for implementation of its various programmes, which also include tribal and backward areas of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. For biogas and improved chulha programmes higher rates of subsidies are also provided for the high focus areas.

Additional Power through Wind Power Projects in Orissa

1184. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have explored the possibility of generating additional power through wind power projects in Orissa;